

# North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**154<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**December 5-10, 2001**  
**Hilton Hotel**  
**Anchorage, Alaska**

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet December 5-10, 2001 at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska. Other meetings to be held during the week are:

**Committee/Panel**

IFQ Implementation and Cost Recovery  
Committee  
Advisory Panel  
Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Workshop on Environmental Mediation

**Beginning**

1:00pm, Sun., Dec. 2 (Iliamna Room)  
8:00 am, Mon., December 3 (Dillingham-Katmai Room)  
8:00 am, Mon., December 3 (King Salmon Room)  
6:30pm, Tue., December 4 (King Salmon Room)

All meetings will be held at the hotel unless otherwise noted. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions of the Council. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be scheduled on short notice during the week, and will be posted at the hotel.

## **INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WISHING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sign-up sheets are available at the registration table for those wishing to provide public comments on a specific agenda item. Sign-up must be completed **before** public comment begins on that agenda item. Additional names are generally not accepted **after** public comment has begun.

**Submission of Written Comments.** Any written comments and materials to be included in Council meeting materials must be received at the Council office **by 5:00 p.m. (Alaska Time) on Wednesday, November 28.** Written and oral comments should include a statement of the source and date of information provided as well as a brief description of the background and interests of the person(s) submitting the statement. Comments can be sent by mail or fax--please **do not** submit comments by e-mail. **It is the submitter's responsibility to provide an adequate number of copies of comments after the deadline.** Materials provided **during** the meeting for distribution to Council members should be provided to the Council secretary. A minimum of 18 copies is needed to ensure that Council members, the executive director, NOAA General Counsel and the official meeting record each receive a copy. If copies are to be made available for the Advisory Panel (23), Scientific and Statistical Committee (13), staff (10) or the public (50) after the pre-meeting deadline, they must also be provided by the submitter.

### FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ADVISORY PANEL

The Advisory Panel has revised its operating guidelines to incorporate a strict time management approach to its meetings. Rules for testimony before the Advisory Panel have been developed which are similar to those used by the Council. Members of the public wishing to testify before the AP **must** sign up on the list for each topic listed on the agenda. Sign-up sheets are provided in a special notebook located at the back of the room. The deadline for registering to testify is when the agenda topic comes before the AP. The time available for individual and group testimony will be based on the number registered and determined by the AP Chairman. **The AP may not take public testimony on items for which they will not be making recommendations to the Council.**

### FOR THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

The usual practice is for the SSC to call for public comment immediately following the staff presentation on each agenda item. In addition, the SSC will designate a time, normally at the beginning of the afternoon session on the first day of the SSC meeting, when members of the public will have the opportunity to present testimony on any agenda item. The Committee will discourage testimony that does not directly address the technical issues of concern to the SSC, and **presentations lasting more than ten minutes will require prior approval from the Chair.**

### COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Biological Catch	<b>MSFCMA</b>	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
<b>AP</b>	Advisory Panel	<b>MMPA</b>	Marine Mammal Protection Act
<b>ADFG</b>	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game	<b>MRB</b>	Maximum Retainable Bycatch
<b>BSAI</b>	Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands	<b>MSY</b>	Maximum Sustainable Yield
<b>CDQ</b>	Community Development Quota	<b>mt</b>	Metric tons
<b>CRP</b>	Comprehensive Rationalization Program	<b>NMFS</b>	National Marine Fisheries Service
<b>CVOA</b>	Catcher Vessel Operational Area	<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Adm.
<b>EA/RIR</b>	Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review	<b>NPFMC</b>	North Pacific Fishery Management Council
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone	<b>OY</b>	Optimum Yield
<b>EFH</b>	Essential Fish Habitat	<b>POP</b>	Pacific ocean perch
<b>FMP</b>	Fishery Management Plan	<b>PSC</b>	Prohibited Species Catch
<b>GHL</b>	Guideline Harvest Level	<b>SAFE</b>	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document
<b>GOA</b>	Gulf of Alaska	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific and Statistical Committee
<b>HAPC</b>	Habitat Areas of Particular Concern	<b>TAC</b>	Total Allowable Catch
<b>IBQ</b>	Individual Bycatch Quota	<b>VBA</b>	Vessel Bycatch Accounting
<b>IFQ</b>	Individual Fishing Quota	<b>VIP</b>	Vessel Incentive Program
<b>IPHC</b>	International Pacific Halibut Commission		
<b>IRFA</b>	Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		
<b>IRIU</b>	Improved Retention/Improved Utilization		
<b>ITAC</b>	Initial Total Allowable Catch		
<b>LAMP</b>	Local Area Management Plan		
<b>LLP</b>	License Limitation Program		

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Estimated Hours

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- (a) Approval of Agenda •
- (b) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) •

B. REPORTS

- B-1 Executive Director's Report •
- B-2 NMFS Management Report •
- B-3 ADF&G Report •
- B-4 NMFS & Coast Guard Enforcement Reports •
- B-5 Alaska Fisheries Science Center FY02 Research Plans •

(2 hours for  
A/B items)

C. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

- C-1 CDQ Program (6 hours)
  - (a) Final action on 4D/4ED regulatory amendment.
  - (b) Initial review of CDQ Policy amendment package.
- C-2 Halibut Subsistence Regulations ( 6 hours)
  - Final action on Board of Fish recommendations to amend previous Council action.
- C-3 Seabird Avoidance Measures (6 hours)
  - Final action on amendment package, including additional options from October.
- C-4 Crab Rationalization (4 hours)
  - Review progress on analysis and provide direction as necessary.

- C-5 American Fisheries Act (4 hours)  
 (a) Review and comment on AFA EIS Proposed Rule.  
 (b) Review discussion paper on AFA extension.  
 (c) Review co-op agreements and preliminary co-op reports.  
 (d) Review industry response to ADFG request for ownership information, and consider approving submission of AFA Report to Congress.
- C-6 Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program \_\_\_\_ (4 hours)  
 (a) Review IFQ Committee report.  
 (b) Initial review of community QS purchase amendment.
- C-7 Essential Fish Habitat (2 hours)  
 Discuss alternatives for designating EFH/HAPC.
- C-8 Programmatic Groundfish SEIS (2 hours)  
 (a) Report from Ecosystem Committee.  
 (b) Review comments and consider process for selecting Preferred Alternative.
- C-9 Steller Sea Lion Issues  
 Receive report on Alaska Board of Fisheries actions and agency response from NMFS.

#### D. FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- D-1 Groundfish Management (10 hours)  
 (a) Adopt BSAI SAFE report and set TAC and bycatch specifications.  
 (b) Adopt GOA SAFE report and set TAC and bycatch specifications.  
 (c) Report from Groundfish Forum on Halibut Excluder Device research.  
 (d) Review discussion paper on catch and bycatch disclosure. **(T)**  
 (e) Review tasking and Problem Statement for differential gear impact analysis (P. cod zonal approach).  
 (f) Discussion paper on bycatch implications of Steller sea lion measures for 2002. **(T)**  
 (g) Independent  $F_{40}$  review.
- D-2 Staff Tasking (2 hours)  
 (a) Review existing tasking and provide direction as necessary.  
 (b) Status report on agency initiative to collect socio-economic data.

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### F. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

Total Agenda Hours: 48 hours

Sunday, Dec. 2 1pm IFQ Imp/Cost Recovery Team—Iliamna Room	SSC King Salmon Room	AP Dillingham-Katmai Room	Council Aleutian Room
Monday, Dec. 3	8:00am C-3 Seabird Avoidance C-6(b) Halibut/Sablefish IFQs	8:00am C-2 Halibut Subsistence	
	1:00pm C-4 Crab Rationalization D-1(c) Halibut Excluder Dev. Research Report C-8 Groundfish SEIS	1:00pm C-1 CDQ Program	
Tuesday, Dec. 4	8:00am D-1(a) BSAI SAFE./ Groundfish Specs.	8:00am C-3 Seabird Avoidance	
6:30pm Workshop-- Environmental Mediation King Salmon Room	1:00pm D-1(a) continued	1:00pm C-4 Crab Rationalization	
Wednesday, Dec. 5	8:00am D-1(b) GOA SAFE/ Groundfish Specs	8:00am C-5 AFA	8:00am Call to Order B Reports C-9 SSL Issues C-1 CDQ Program
	1:00pm D-1(b) continued 5:00pm <b>Vacate Room/Move to Chart Room (15<sup>th</sup> Floor) on Thursday</b>	1:00pm C-6 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs C-7 EFH	12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-1 continued
Thursday, Dec. 6	8:00am D-1(g) F <sub>40</sub> Review C-7 EFH	8:00am C-8 Groundfish SEIS D-1 Groundfish Mgmt	8:00am C-2 Halibut Subsistence
	1:00pm <b>Need to vacate meeting room</b>	1:00pm D-1 continued	12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-2 continued C-3 Seabird Avoidance
Friday, Dec. 7		8:00am D-1 continued	8:00am C-3 continued
6pm Women's Fisheries Network-Alaska Room Scholarship Fundraiser-- Weakest Link Game Show 2001		1:00pm D-1 continued D-2 Staff Tasking	12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-4 Crab Rationalization 5:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 8			8:00am C-7 EFH D-1 Groundfish Mgmt
			12:00 Lunch/Executive Session 1:00pm D-1 continued <b>4:30pm Must recess and clear room</b>
Sunday, Dec. 9			8:00am D-1 continued
			12:00 Lunch /Finance Committee 1:00pm D-2 Staff Tasking C-6 Halibut/Sablefish IFQs
Monday, Dec. 10			8:00am C-6 continued C-5 AFA
			12:00 Lunch 1:00pm C-5 continued C-8 Groundfish SEIS

NOTE: The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council Executive Sessions.